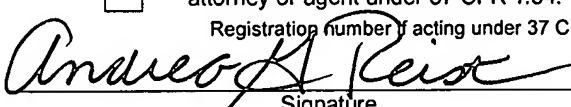
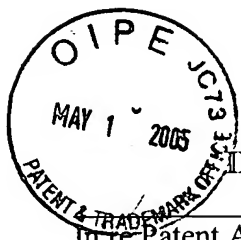


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| PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) FY 2005 (Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).) | | Docket Number (Optional) 000166.0063-US09 | |
| Application Number 10/626,538-Conf. #1153 | | Filed July 25, 2003 | |
| For PREPARATION OF BIODEGRADABLE, BIOCOMPATIBLE MICROPARTICLES CONTAINING A BIOLOGICALLY ACTIVE AGENT | | | |
| Art Unit 1615 | | Examiner R. O. Berko | |
| This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application. The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below): | | | |
| | <u>Fee</u> | <u>Small Entity Fee</u> | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) | \$120 | \$60 | \$ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) | \$450 | \$225 | \$ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) | \$1020 | \$510 | \$ 1,020.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4)) | \$1590 | \$795 | \$ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) | \$2160 | \$1080 | \$ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account. | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number <u>50-0740</u> . I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet. | | | |
| I am the <input type="checkbox"/> applicant/inventor. | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96). | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent of record. Registration Number <u>36,253</u> | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34. Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34 _____ | | | |
|  Signature | | <u>May 16, 2005</u> Date | |
| <u>Andrea G. Reister</u> Typed or printed name | | <u>(202) 662-6000</u> Telephone Number | |
| NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below. | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Total of <u>1</u> forms are submitted. | | | |

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AGENT

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are the following items for filing in connection with the above-referenced
Patent Application:

1. Fee Transmittal (1 page);
2. Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) (in duplicate);
3. Check No. 345010 for \$1,020.00 to cover the three-month extension of time fee;
and
4. Return receipt postcard.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted
to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this
application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 50-0740, under Docket No. 000166.0063-
US09. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

It is not believed that extensions of time fees are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0740.

Dated: May 16, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

By 

Andrea G. Reister

Registration No.: 36,253

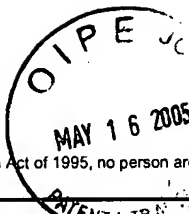
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| (\$) | | First Named Inventor | Michael E. Rickey |
| 1,020.00 | | Examiner Name | R. O. Berko |
| | | Art Unit | 1615 |
| | | Attorney Docket No. | 000166.0063-US09 |

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| For the above-identified deposit account, the Director is hereby authorized to: (check all that apply) | | | | |
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FEE CALCULATION**1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES**

| Application Type | FILING FEES | | SEARCH FEES | | EXAMINATION FEES | | Fees Paid (\$) |
|------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) | |
| Utility | 300 | 150 | 500 | 250 | 200 | 100 | |
| Design | 200 | 100 | 100 | 50 | 130 | 65 | |
| Plant | 200 | 100 | 300 | 150 | 160 | 80 | |
| Reissue | 300 | 150 | 500 | 250 | 600 | 300 | |
| Provisional | 200 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

| Fee Description | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) |
|--|----------|-----------------------|
| Each claim over 20 (including Reissues) | 50 | 25 |
| Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues) | 200 | 100 |
| Multiple dependent claims | 360 | 180 |

| Total Claims | Extra Claims | Fee (\$) | Fee Paid (\$) | Multiple Dependent Claims |
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4. OTHER FEE(S)

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

Other (e.g., late filing surcharge): 1253 Extension for response within third month 1,020.00

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| Name (Print/Type) Andrea G. Reister | | | | Date May 16, 2005 | |